

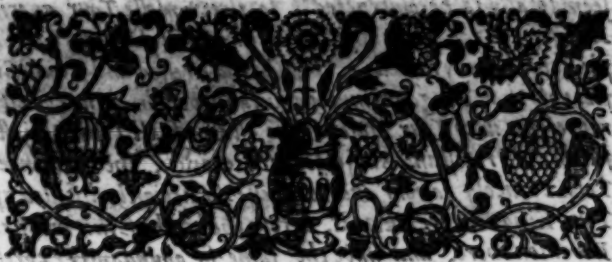
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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of Sir *James Montgomery*, Sir *Hardy Waller* Knights and Colonells, and of Colonel *Arthur Hill*, and Colonel *Audley Merwin*, in the behalf of themselves and others Commanders in your Majesties Army in Ireland.

May it please Your Sacred MAJESTY,

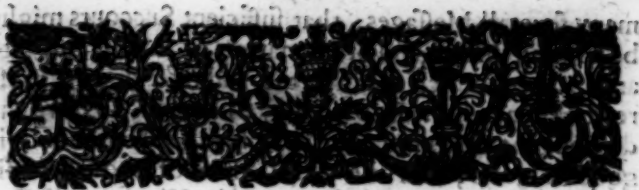


WHERE Your Majesties most humble Subjects being intrusted from considerable Parts of Your Majesties Forces in the Kingdom of Ireland, to Petition Your Majesty and Your Parliament for supplies; And finding that Your Majesty had committed the care and managing of that War to Your Parliament here, we addressed our selves unto the same, whose sense of our miseries, and inclination to redresse appeared very tender unto us, but the present distempers of this Your Majesties Kingdom of England (to our unspeakable grieve) are grown so great, that all future Passages by which com-

fort and life should be conveyed unto that gasping Kingdom, seem totally to be obstructed, so that unlesse Your gracious Majesty, out of Your singular wisdom and fatherly care, apply some speedy remedy; We Your distressed and Loyall Subjects of that Kingdom must inevitably perish. Our condition represents unto Your Majesty the estate of All Your Majesties faithfull Protestant Subjects in Ireland, the influence of Your Princely favour and goodnesse so actively distilled upon Your Kingdom of Ireland, before the birth of this monstrous Rebellion there, and since the same so abundantly expressed in Characters of a deepe sense, and lively resentment of the bleeding condition thereof, gives us hope in this their deplorable extremity to addresse our selves unto Your sacred Throne, Humbly beseeching; That it may please Your gracious Majesty, amongst Your other waights Care, so to reflect upon the bleeding condition of that perishing Kingdom, that timely reliefe may be afforded, otherwise Your loyall Subjects there, must yeeld their fortunes a Prey, their lives a sacrifice, and their Religion a scorn, to the mercilesse Rebels powerfully assisted from abroad. Whilest we live we rest in Your Majesties Protection, if our deaths are signed in that Cause, we will dye in Your obedience, and living and dying, ever pray for Your Majesties long and prosperous Reign over us.

Montgomery. Arthur Hill.
Hards Waller. Au. Mervine.

His



At the Court at OXFORD, 1642.

HIS MAJESTIE

*Hath expressly commanded me to give this
Answer to this Petition.*

THat His Majesty, since the beginning of that monstrous Rebellion, hath had no greater sorrow then for the bleeding Condition of that His Kingdom; And as He hath by all means laboured that timely Relief might be afforded to the same, and consented to all Propositions (how disadvantageous soever to Himself) that have been offered Him for that purpose, and not only at first recommended their Condition to both His Houses of Parliament, and immediately of His own meer Motion sent over severall Commissions, and caused some Proportion of Arms and Ammunition (which the Petitioners well know to have been a great support to the Northern Parts of that Kingdom) to be conveyed to them out of Scotland, and offered to finde ten thousand Volunteers to undertake that Warre, but hath often since prest by

many severall Messages, that sufficient Succours might be hastned thither, and other matters of smaller importance laid by, which did divert it, and offer'd, and most really intended, in His own Royall Person, to have undergone the danger of that War, for the defence of His good Subjects, and the chastisement of those perfidious and barbarous Rebels; and in His severall Expressions of His desires of Treaty and Peace, hath declared the miserable present Condition, and certain future losse of IRELAND, to be one of His principall Motives, most earnestly to desire that the present Distractions of this Kingdom might be composed, and that others would concurre with him to the same End. So His Majesty is well pleased that His Offers, Concurrence, Actions, and Expressions are so rightly understood by the Petitioners, and those who have employed them (notwithstanding the groundlesse and horrid Aspersions which have been cast upon Him) But wishes, That instead of a meer generall Complaint (to which His Majestie can make no Return, but of Compassion) they could have digested, and offer'd to Him any such Desires, by consenting to which He might convey (at least in some degree) comfort and life to that gasping Kingdome, preserve His distressed and loyall Subjects of the same from inevitably perishing, and the true Protestant Religion from being scorned and trampled on by these mercilesse and Idolatrous Rebels. And if the Petitioners can yet think on any such, and propose them to His Majesty, He assures them, that by His readinesse to consent, and His Thanks to them for the Proposall, He will make it appear to them, That their most pressing personall Suffer-

Sufferings cannot make them more desirous of Reliefe,
 than his Care of the true Religion, and of His faith-
 full Subjects, and of that Duty which obliges
 Him to His Power to Protect both, renders
 Him desirous to afford it to them.



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